REMARKS

The Office has rejected claims 1-6, 10-18 and 20 on page 2 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0119761 A1 (Grossman et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

None of the cited references, including Grossman et al., disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 1. For example, Grossman et al. does not disclose a messaging system with an address box capable of receiving multiple addresses for subsequent transfer through use of a single selector, as recited in claim 1. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraphs [0037] and [0040] and in FIG. 3 of Applicants' application.

Grossman et al. discloses a system for displaying contact information with a user interface. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0002]. A user interface 700 is provided that includes a frame 710 that has general contact information and a frame 720 that includes consolidated contact information. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0073]. The user interface also displays icons for contact-centric tasks 450 so that the user can select a particular icon for a particular task such as email, on-line chatting, calling, and file sharing with a particular contact 420. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0059] and Fig. 4. The contact-centric tasks 450 correspond with the address types present in the frames 410, 710. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7.

In contrast to claim 1, Grossman et al. does not disclose a messaging system with an address box capable of receiving multiple addresses for subsequent transfer through use of a single selector. In Grossman et al., multiple icons are used to initiate a specific contact-centric task 450 in order to initiate communication with the contact. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0059] and Fig. 4 and Fig. 7. The interface in Grossman is structured so that multiple icons are presented to the user to select from in order to initiate a specific type of communication mode. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7. Further, it would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Grossman et al. The reference specifically states that it is not limited to a number of contact-centric tasks 450 and provides a command for adding additional

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tasks. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0060] and Fig. 7. The reference thus teaches the use of additional contact-centric tasks 450 and hence teaches away from transfer through use of a single selector. Nowhere does Grossman et al. disclose or teach a messaging system with an address box capable of receiving multiple addresses for subsequent transfer through use of a single selector. Hence, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, Grossman et al. fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 2-9. Accordingly, claims 2-9 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

Additionally, claims 7 and 8 were rejected on page 5 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Grossman et al. in view of United States Patent Number 7,072,943 B2 (Landesmann). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

The Office Action admits that Grossman et al. does not disclose a short messaging service address, an enhanced messaging service address, and a multimedia messaging service address and points to Landersmann to resolve this deficiency. See page 6 of the Office Action. Claims 7 and 8 each call for a messaging system with an address box capable of receiving multiple address for subsequent transfer through use of a single selector. Grossman et al. does not disclose such an address box since it teaches that multiple icons are presented to the user to select from in order to initiate a specific type of communication mode. See Grossman et al. in Figs 4 and 7. Landersmann discloses a system in which a user looks up a name for a desired recipient and then selects the appropriate recipient's name upon viewing a user description which in turn causes an e-mail to be routed. See Landersmann at column 11, lines 12-23.

Therefore, even if one were to combine Grossman et al. and Landersmann in the manner suggested, the resulting combination would fail to disclose a messaging system with an address box capable of receiving multiple addresses for subsequent transfer through use of a single selector, as set forth in claims 7 and 8. As such, a case of *prima facie* obviousness has not been established with respect to claims 7 and 8 and Applicants respectfully submit that these claims

define over the combination of Grossman et al. and Landersmann and are in condition for allowance.

Additionally, claim 9 was rejected on page 6 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Grossman et al. in view of Landesmann and further in view of United States Patent Number 6,014,135 (Fernandes). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Office Action admits that the combined system of Grossman et al. and Landesmann does not disclose an attachment engine operable to convert a file attached to an outgoing message into a format receivable by a device associated with a messaging receipt option and points to Fernandes to resolve this deficiency. See page 6 of the Office Action. Claim 9 calls for a messaging system with an address box capable of receiving multiple addresses for subsequent transfer through use of a single selector. Grossman et al. does not disclose such an address box since it instead teaches that multiple icons are presented to the user to select from in order to initiate a specific type of communication mode. See Grossman et al. in Figs 4 and 7. Landersmann discloses a system in which a user looks up a name for a desired recipient and then selects the appropriate recipient's name upon viewing a user description which in turn causes an e-mail to be routed. See Landersmann at column 11, lines 12-23. Further, Fernandes discloses a system in which different types of available media can be selected but does not disclose an address box. See Fig. 5 of Fernandes.

Therefore, even if one were to combine Grossman et al., Landersmann and Fernandes in the manner suggested, the resulting combination would fail to disclose a messaging system with an address box capable of receiving multiple addresses for subsequent transfer through use of a single selector, as set forth in claim 9. As such, a case of *prima facie* obviousness has not been established with respect to claim 9 and Applicants respectfully submit that these claims define over the combination of Grossman et al., Landersmann and Fernandes and are in condition for allowance.

None of the cited references, including Grossman et al., disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 10. For example, Grossman et al. does not disclose a graphical user interface with a selector for initiating delivery to both on email address and a telephone number when both the email address and the telephone number are in the address box at the same time, as recited in claim 10. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraphs [0037] and [0040] and in FIG. 3 of Applicants' application.

Grossman et al. discloses a system for displaying contact information with a user interface. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0002]. A user interface 700 is provided that includes a frame 710 that has general contact information and a frame 720 that includes consolidated contact information. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0073]. The frame 720 has consolidated contact information that includes an email address and a telephone number. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 7. The user interface also displays icons for contact-centric tasks 450 so that the user can select a particular icon for a particular task, such as email, on-line chatting, calling, and file sharing with a particular contact 420. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0059] and Fig. 4. The contact-centric tasks 450 correspond with the address types present in the frames 410, 710. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7.

In contrast to claim 10, Grossman et al. does not disclose a graphical user interface with a selector for initiating delivery to both the email address and the telephone number when both the email address and the telephone number are in the address box at the same time. In Grossman et al., multiple icons that include "send email to Jane Doe" and "call Jane Doe" are used to initiate the specific contact-centric task 450 in order to initiate communication with the contact. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0059] and Fig. 4 and Fig. 7. The interface in Grossman is structured so that multiple icons are presented to the user to select from in order to initiate an email delivery or a telephone call. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7. Further, it would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Grossman et al. The reference specifically states that it is not limited to a number of contact-centric tasks 450 and provides a command for adding additional tasks. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0060] and Fig. 7. The reference thus teaches towards the use of additional contact-centric tasks 450 and hence teaches away from a selector for initiating delivery to both the email address and the

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PAGE 12/17 * RCVD AT 8/27/2007 1:49:32 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-3/0 * DNIS:2738300 * CSID:5123275575 * DURATION (mm-ss):04-44

telephone number. Nowhere does Grossman et al. disclose or teach a graphical user interface with a selector for initiating delivery to both the email address and the telephone number when both the email address and the telephone number are in the address box at the same time. Hence, claim 10 is allowable.

None of the cited references, including Grossman et al., disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 11. For example, Grossman et al. does not disclose a messaging method with an address menu comprising contact information for at least two potential addressees, the address menu having a first selectable address and a selectable second address for at least one of the two potential addressees, as recited in claim 11. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraph [0033] and in FIG. 3 of Applicants' application.

Grossman et al. discloses a system for displaying contact information with a user interface. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0002]. A user requests contact information through a query or search for contact information about a predetermined contact. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0050]. Upon receiving a request for contact information, the user interface displays the requested contact information at the display device 210. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0050]. A user interface 700 is provided that includes a frame 710 that has general contact information and a frame 720 that includes consolidated contact information regarding a specific contact. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0073]. The user interface also displays icons for contact-centric tasks 450 so that the user can select a particular icon for a particular task such as email, on-line chatting, calling, and file sharing with a particular contact 420. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0059] and Fig. 4. The user interface 700 displays information regarding only a single contact. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7.

In contrast to claim 11, Grossman et al. does not disclose a messaging method with an address menu comprising contact information for at least two potential addressees, the address menu having a first selectable address and a selectable second address for at least one of the two potential addressees. In Grossman et al., address information is provided for only a single potential addressee. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7. Further, it would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Grossman et al. The contact-centric

tasks 450 are used to initiate communication with a specific contact. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0059]. Modification of Grossman et al. to present an address menu comprising contact information for multiple addressees would necessitate the addition of contact-centric tasks 450 to be created to handle all of the various combinations of contact possibilities. Such a modification is not obvious because it would greatly complicate the structure of the user interface 400. Nowhere does Grossman et al. disclose or teach a messaging method with an address menu comprising contact information for at least two potential addressees, the address menu having a first selectable address and a selectable second address for at least one of the two potential addressees. Hence, claim 11 is allowable.

Claims 12-19 depend from claim 11, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, Grossman et al. fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 12-19. Accordingly, claims 12-19 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 11.

Additionally, claim 19 was rejected on page 7 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Grossman et al. in view of Fernandes. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Office Action admits that Grossman et al. does not disclose converting the file into a format receivable by a device associated with the first address and cites Fernandes to address this deficiency. See page 7 of the Office Action. Claim 11, from which claim 19 depends, calls for a graphical user interface with a selector for initiating delivery to both the email address and the telephone number when both the email address and the telephone number are in the address box at the same time. The interface in Grossman et al. is structured so that multiple icons are presented to the user to select from in order to initiate an email delivery or a telephone call. See Grossman et al. in Figs 4 and 7. Fernandes discloses a system in which different types of available media can be selected but does not disclose an address box. See Fig. 5 of Fernandes.

Therefore, even if one were to combine Grossman et al. and Fernandes in the manner suggested, the resulting combination would fail to disclose a graphical user interface with a

selector for initiating delivery to both the email address and the telephone number when both the email address and the telephone number are in the address box at the same time, as set forth in claim 11. As such, a case of *prima facie* obviousness has not been established with respect to claim 19 and Applicants respectfully submit that these claims define over the combination of Grossman et al. and Fernandes and are in condition for allowance.

None of the cited references, including Grossman et al., disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 20. For example, Grossman et al. does not disclose a computer readable media with an address menu having a plurality of identification fields that each have at least one associated address field, receiving a selection of an address with the GUI element from at least two of the identification fields; and populating an address box with at least one of the addresses, as recited in claim 20. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraph [0033] and in FIG. 3 of Applicants' application.

Grossman et al. discloses a system for displaying contact information with a user interface. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0002]. A user requests contact information through a query or search for contact information about a predetermined contact. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0050]. Upon receiving a request for contact information, the user interface displays the requested contact information at the display device 210. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0050]. A user interface 700 is provided that includes a frame 710 that has general contact information and a frame 720 that includes consolidated contact information regarding a specific contact. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0073]. The user interface also displays icons for contact-centric tasks 450 so that the user can select a particular icon for a particular task such as email, on-line chatting, calling, and file sharing with a particular contact 420. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0059] and Fig. 4. The user interface 700 displays information regarding only a single contact. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7.

In contrast to claim 20, Grossman et al. does not disclose a computer readable media with an address menu having a plurality of identification fields that each have at least one associated address field; receiving a selection of an address with the GUI element from at least two of the identification fields; and populating an address box with at least one of the addresses. In

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Grossman et al., address information is provided for only a single potential addressee. See Grossman et al. in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7. Further, it would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Grossman et al. The contact-centric tasks 450 are used to initiate communication with a specific contact. See Grossman et al. at paragraph [0059]. Modification of Grossman et al. to present an address menu comprising contact information for multiple addressees would necessitate the addition of contact-centric tasks 450 to be created to handle all of the various combinations of contact possibilities. Such a modification is not obvious because it would greatly complicate the structure of the user interface 400. Nowhere does Grossman et al. disclose or teach a computer readable media with an address menu having a plurality of identification fields that each have at least one associated address field, receiving a selection of an address with the GUI element from at least two of the identification fields, and populating an address box with at least one of the addresses. Hence, claim 20 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the references applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

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